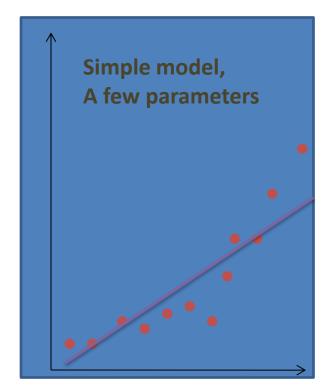
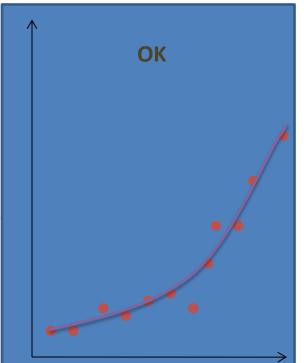
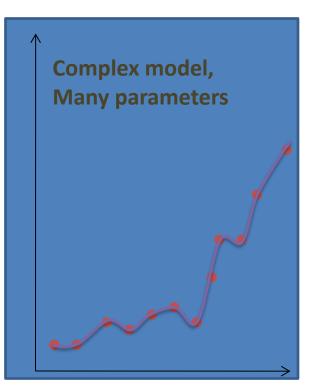


Model selection

Overfitting

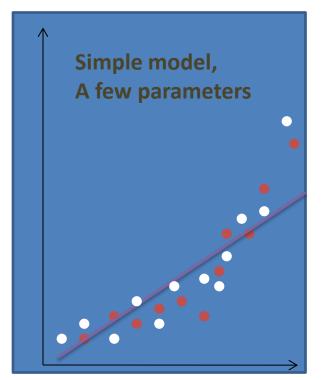


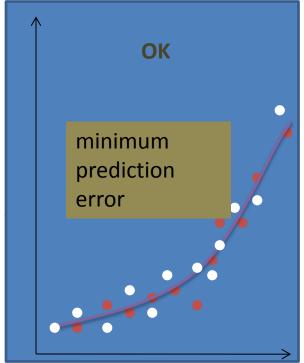


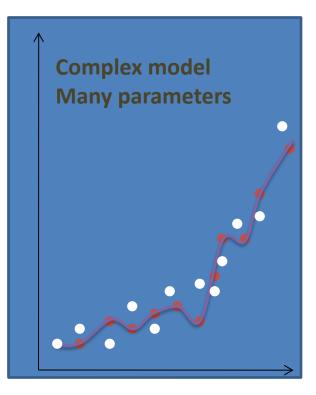


What is a good model

• $Y = f(X) + \varepsilon$







Model selection

WHEN THE DATA SET IS BIG ENOUGH

Divide into training, validation and test

Training	Validation	Test
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- Recommended proportions: 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 or 60%,20%,20%
- Alternative- obtain datasets by sampling from the original set

What to do when the data set is not enough big?

 Idea: estimate prediction error at one or several points by fitting the model to the remaining data

K-fold cross-validation (rough scheme, picture follows):

- 1. Divide data-set in K roughy equal-sized subsets
- 2. Remove subset #i and fit the model using remaining data.
- 3. Predict the function values for subset #i using constructed model.
- 4. Repeat steps 2-3 for different i
- 5. CV= squared difference between observed values and predicted values (another function is possible)

1 2 3 4 5

Train Train Test Train Train

Note: if K=N then method is *leave-one-out* cross-validation.

K-fold cross-validation: $\kappa : \{1, \dots, N\} \mapsto \{1, \dots, K\}$

$$CV = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} L(y_i, \hat{f}^{-\kappa(i)}(x_i))$$

How to use CV score for model selection?

Having model depending on tuning (complexity) parameter, choose the one with smallest CV:

$$CV(\alpha) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} L(y_i, \hat{f}^{-\kappa(i)}(x_i, \alpha))$$

Issues

- Limitations: model should be globally defined
- How to define best *K*?

Jackknife methods

- Idea: similar to CV, but used in statistical inference
 - Bias estimation
 - Variance estimation

"Jackknife methods make use of systematic partitions of a dataset to estimate properties of an estimator computed from the full sample"

• Suppose, we are given a random sample $Y = (Y_1, ..., Y_n)$ and some estimator T(Y)

Jackknife methods

First-order jackknife

- 1. Obtain $\mathbf{Y}_{(-i)}$ by dropping group of observations j from \mathbf{Y}
- 2. For each j, compute $T_{(-j)} = T(Y_{(-j)})$
- 3. Compute pseudovalues and J(T), called jackknifed T:

$$\overline{T}_{(\bullet)} = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} T_{(-j)}$$

$$T_{j}^{*} = rT - (r-1)T_{(-j)}$$

$$J(T) = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} T_{j}^{*} = \overline{T}^{*}$$

• Equivalently, $J(T) = rT - (r-1)\overline{T}_{(\bullet)}$

Jackknife variance estimate

- We can use T_(-j) or pseudovalues as estimates of T for different samples (both give equivalent expression).
- Variance becomes

$$\widehat{V(T)}_{J} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{r} (T_j^* - J(T))^2}{r(r-1)}$$

Sometimes, one takes $\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{r} (T_j^* - T)^2}{r(r-1)}$

$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^{r} (T_j^* - T)^2}{r(r-1)}$$

!The variance is often overestimated

Jackknife bias correction

First-order jackknife

• The bias reduced to order n⁻¹ (we take r=n)

$$Bias(T) = E(T) - \theta = \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_q}{n^q}$$

$$Bias(J(T)) = E(J(T)) - \theta$$

$$= n(E(T) - \theta) - \frac{n-1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} E(T_{(-j)} - \theta)$$

$$= n \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_q}{n^q} - (n-1) \left(\sum_{q=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_q}{(n-1)^q} \right)$$

$$= a_2 \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n-1} \right) + a_3 \left(\frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{(n-1)^2} \right) + \dots$$

$$= -a_2 \left(\frac{1}{n(n-1)} \right) + a_3 \left(\frac{1}{n^2} - \frac{1}{(n-1)^2} \right) + \dots$$

Jackknife estimation of bias

We see that

$$E(J(T)) - \theta = E(T) - \theta + (n-1) \left(E(T) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} E(T_{(-j)}) \right)$$

• Hence, bias is

$$B_{\rm J} = (n-1) \left(\overline{T}_{(\bullet)} - T \right)$$

Higher-order jackknife

The order of the bias can be further reduced

Second-order jackknife

$$J^{2}(T) = \frac{n^{2}J(T) - (n-1)^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n} J(T)_{(-j)}/n}{n^{2} - (n-1)^{2}}$$

• Higer order jackkifes –combining jackknifes of lower orders: $T_1 = wT_2$

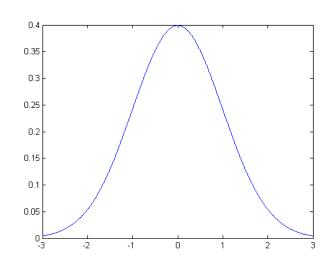
 $T_w = \frac{T_1 - wT_2}{1 - w}$

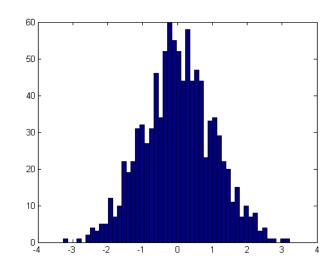
Higher-order jackknife

Comments

High order jackknifes reduce the bias but they increase the variance

 Delete-1 jackknife is not always appropriate (median). Use delete-k





Unknown: Distribution of **X** (CDF *P*)

We have: Data set **D** (ECDF P_n)

They are similar!

What do we want:

- Determine the distribution of functional of $P_{\bullet}(P)$
 - Bias
 - Variance

Why do we need *bootstrap*?

- Often the true distribution is unknown, therefore distribution of $\Theta(P)$ is unknown
- Even if the distribution is known, but $\Theta(P)$ has complex structure, no problem for bootstrap

What do we do:

- Unknown $\theta = \Theta(P) = \int g(y) dP(y)$
- We approximate $T = \Theta(P_n) = \int g(y) dP_n(y)$ (we use the sample to compute θ)

Algorithm (nonparametric bootstrap):

- 1. Using observation set $D=(X_1,...X_n)$, sample with replacement and get bootstrap sample $D_1 = (X_1^*,...X_n^*)$,
- 2. Repeat step 1 B times
- 3. The distribution of θ is given by $T(\mathbf{D_1})$... $T(\mathbf{D_B})$

Example:

Having sample $X_1,...,X_n$ from normal distribution

- Our estimator of EX is T=mean(X). How to find the variance of T?
 - Analytically
 - Using bootstrap
- How to find the variance of log(mean(T))?
- What happens if you don't know the distribution of T?

Algorithm (parametric bootstrap):

Assume that you know that X comes from $F(\alpha)$ but α is unknown

- 1. Estimate α from data $\mathbf{D}=(X_1,...X_n)$, by maximum likelihood
- 2. Generate $\mathbf{D_1} = (X_1^*, ..., X_n^*)$ by sampling from $F(\alpha)$
- 3. Repeat step 2 B times
- 4. The distribution of θ is given by $T(D_1)$... $T(D_B)$

Note: In regression, there is a *semiparametric* bootstrap (residual resampling)

Bootstrap: regression context

- Model $Y = f(x) + \epsilon, \epsilon \sim F(\alpha)$
- Data D = $\{(Y_i, X_i), i = 1, ..., n\}$
- Idea: for produce several bootstrap sets that are similar to D

Algorithm (nonparametric bootstrap): F is unknown

- 1. Using observation set **D**, sample pairs (X_i, Y_i) with replacement and get bootstrap sample **D**₁
- 2. Repeat step 1 B times

Bootstrap: regression context

Algorithm (parametric bootstrap): F is known

- 1. Fit a model to D \rightarrow get $\hat{f}(X_i)$. Estimate α from data **D** by maximum likelihood
- 2. Set $X_i^* = X_i$, generate $\epsilon_i \sim F(\alpha)$ and compute $Y_i^* = \hat{f}(X_i) + \epsilon_i$.
- 3. $D_i = \{(X_i^*, Y_i^*), i = 1, ..., n\}$
- 4. Repeat step 2 B times

Bootstrap: regression context

Algorithm (semiparametric bootstrap): F is unknown

- 1. Fit a model to D \rightarrow get $\hat{f}(X_i)$. Estimate residuals $R = \{r_i, i = 1, ..., n\}$
- 2. Set $X_i^* = X_i$, sample from R and get ϵ_i and compute $Y_i^* = \hat{f}(X_i) + \epsilon_i$.
- 3. $D_i = \{(X_i^*, Y_i^*), i = 1, ..., n\}$
- 4. Repeat step 2 B times

Bootstrap bias corrections

Theory shows

$$T_1 = 2T(P_n) - \mathbf{E}\left(T\left(P_n^{(1)}\right) \mid P_n\right)$$

- The last term is computed by
 - 1. Using observation set $\mathbf{D}=(X_1,...X_n)$, sample with replacement and get bootstrap sample $\mathbf{D_1}=(X_1^*,...X_n^*)$,
 - 2. Repeat step 1 B times
 - 3. Take the mean of $T(\mathbf{D_1})$... $T(\mathbf{D_B})$
- The first term is simply the 2T(D)

Bootstrap variance estimation

Using bootstrap, compute T*1=T(D₁)... T*m= T(D_B)

$$\widehat{V}(T) = \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{j=1}^{m} (T^{*j} - \overline{T}^*)^2$$

Bootstrap confidence intervals

• To estimate $100(1-\alpha)$ confidence interval for $\Theta(P)$

Bootstrap percentile method

- 1. Using bootstrap, compute $T^{*1}=T(\mathbf{D_1})...$ $T^{*m}=T(\mathbf{D_B})$, reorder them ascending
- 2. Define A_1 =ceil(B* α /2), A_2 =floor(B-B* α /2)
- 3. Confidence interval is given by

$$\left(\!T^{*A_1},T^{*A_2}
ight)$$

Look at the plot...

Bootstrap confidence intervals

Bootstrap-t method

- 1. Using bootstrap, compute $T^{*1}=T(\mathbf{D_1})... T^{*m}=T(\mathbf{D_B})$
- 2. Compute

$$t_{j} = \frac{T^{*j} - T(\mathbf{D})}{se(T^{*j})}, j = 1...B$$

- 3. Let A_1 and A_2 be $\alpha/2$ and 1- $\alpha/2$ percentiles of t (If B=1000, α =0.1, then A_1 is 50th smallest, A_2 is 950th smallest)
- 4. Confidence interval is $(T(D) se(T) \cdot t_{A_2}, T(D) se(T) \cdot t_{A_1})$

Bootstrap confidence intervals

Comments

- se is square root of estimated variance
- Estimation $se(T^{*j})$ typically requires second-level bootstrap -> bootstrap-t is computationally intensive
- Bootstrap-t is more accurate than percentile (coverage error)
- Bootstrap BC_a is a more advanced bootstrap CI method

Recommended reading

- Chapters 12 and 13
- R: package "boot"